

A BRIEF  
**DISCOVERY**  
OF THE TRUE  
CAUSES, SYMPTOMS, and EFFECTS,  
Of that most reigning Disease, the  
**SCURVY.**

TOGETHER WITH  
The Causes, Symptoms, and Effects  
of several other dangerous DISEASES.  
Whereunto is added, A short Account of those Incom-  
parable and most highly approved

**PILLS,**  
CALLED  
*PILULÆ in Omnes MORBOS:*  
OR,  
PILLS against all DISEASES.

Which are the only Famous Medicine of this Age against  
the above-named Distemper, and all other Curable Diseases.

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## The Causes, Symptoms, and Effects of the SCURVY.

THIS Disease doth chiefly proceed from Melancholy, bred by distemper of the Stomack, or Spleen ; which being crude, stays in the passages of the Arteries and Veins, and thereby doth excite grievous fermentation or workings, from whence are sent vapours which afflict the heart and brain, &c. from all which is caused malignant and contagious putrefaction of Melancholy ; and thence proceed these Symptoms, viz. giddiness in the head, sudden flushings, heat, and redness in the face and body, putrefaction and sinking of the mouth and gums, toothach, stinking breath, blackness and looseness of the teeth, want of digestion, much winde, and unfavoury belchings : and by thick vapours arising from the *Hypochondria* to the Midriff, is occasioned obstructions of Respiration, or shortness of breath, and straitness of the breast, &c. The body is dull and heavie, and in the Legs are spots, sometimes red, purple, black or blue : There is also violent pains in the head, shoulders, arms, fingers, belly, thighs, knees, Legs, ankles, feet and toes : Whence some who have had the *POX*, (though cured) do fear the return of their old *Maladie*. There are many thousands have this distemper, that are perswaded they have *Gout* ; because sometimes it hath the very signes of the *Gout* ; which is the cause why the *Scurvy* (which by mistake is judged the *Gout*) is so seldom cured. For those Medicaments pertinent in the *Gout*, are not the very same in the *Scurvy*, and consequently cannot cure it. Other signes of the *Scurvy*, are bad sleep and frightful dreams, a feverish heat, and sweats towards the morning. Some have risings in their body, as if stung with Bees or Wasps, &c. others have dolours in their side, imitating those of the *Spleen*. And in short, it doth appear to a judicious eye, with, and in the shape of most Diseases ; as hath been sufficiently apparent, not only to my self, but also to several other experienced Physicians, who with me have traced this Disease, and made exact inspection into its variable dresses, for many years together. And we have also observed, that it is propagated and spread abroad in these parts of the world, more than any other Distemper whatsoever ; and by its sundry shapes, hath seduced many in their judgement of the Disease. For in some it passeth for a *Consumption*, in others for a *Dropsie*, &c. and Medicines are given accordingly ; but alas, to little purpose ; and all for want of true knowledge of the Original of the Disease it self. And here observe a great Truth, viz. That there are very few afflicted with and Distemper of long continuance, who have not annexed with it a *Scorbutick* taint ; which unless it be considered, and *Antiscorbutick* Medicaments given, the Patient is very rarely, if ever cured. Now the conclusion of all (if the *Scurvy* comes

to be predominant) is sometimes *Swoonings*, *Apoplexies*, *Dropsies*, great decay of the body, incurable *Consumptions*, &c. Note, that in some the *Scurvy* is hereditary; and that there are some few Causes thereof, besides those here set down: but these being usually the chief, for brevity the other are omitted.

**I** Shall now, to oblige the Sons and Daughters of *Venus*, briefly discover the true symptoms and effects of the *Grand POX*, and *Gonorrhæa*, or *Running of the Reins*.

The Discourse will hardly infect any that are not already Diseased, or in the least prejudice their reputation: And to read it heedfully, is the way to instruct many in what before they were ignorant. Also those in these Distempers concerned, will for what I have writ, be obliged to give me thanks. I shall begin with the symptoms of the *POX*.

Which are pains in the head, shoulders, arms, back, knees, shins and Legs, Nodes or hard knobs in the head, joynts, or shin bones, Bubo's in the Groin, Tumors in the Testicles, Scabs or breaking out in the head, neck, face, or other parts of the body; Ulcers in the throat, mouth, palate, nose, or privie parts, and sometimes in the Legs, with a general indisposition of body. These are the symptoms which usually go along with this Disease.

Now rightly to distinguish the pains of the *POX* (from those of such other distempers as most resemble it) please to accept and observe these following Rules. First, the pains of the *POX* are very like those of the *Scurvy*, save that these of the *POX* do usually seize the patient in the night; and when well warm in bed, are then most violent. They frequently continue till towards day, and then vanish almost, if not quite away, until night come again: only sometimes in the day, are felt some sharp pains in the head, shoulders, arms, Legs, &c. but are quickly gone again. Moreover, the pains of the *POX* are ever between the Joynts, and usually (if the Disease be of very long continuance) those pains do fix Nodes, or hard knobs on the Joynts: but neither of these symptoms are so incident to the *Scurvy*. It is distinguished from the *Arthritis*, or Joynt-grout, by its nocturnal dolours, or pains in the night: for the pains of the *Gout*, (contrary to those of the *POX*) are often greater in the day than night. Many have joyned with this Disease a consuming Heetick Fever, often caused by those unlucky over hot and drying Diet-drinks, violent Purges and Sweats rashly given to those of thin, hot and dry constitutions: such bodies receive the same mischief from an ill-managed Salvation or Fluxing: and an Heetick thus contracted, for the most part, ends in the grave; and others, by unskilful Fluxing, have the pockie

humours plentifully raised into their heads, where ( by their corroding quality ) they too often ulcerate the throat, and consume the palate and gums: which humours being raised, and mixed with a venomous and ill-prepared Mercurial Medicine, do also poyson and level the Nose, and beget all those dishonourable and fatal consequences of this foul Disease.

*The Symptoms and Effects of the Gonorrhæa, or Running of the Reins:*

**T**HIS Disease is known by an Issue from the privities, not of Seed, (as by some supposed) but of a virulent matter, which often ulcerates the Urinary passage, and causeth *Caruncles* to grow in the Yard, from whence is sent corrupt matter; which falling by parcels, resembles small pieces of flesh. The Patient hath a scalding heat, sharpness and pain in making Urine, which sometimes comes away by drops; there is also a great pain in erection of the Yard. These are the Symptoms that most frequently attend this Disease.

The Effects are many times the *POX*, to which 'tis somewhat related; but is chiefly brought in by such as unskilfully attempt to cure the Disease; whose practice it is (without respect to their Patients health, or their own credit) with all speed to obstruct the issue at the Privities, from whence the virulent matter immediately mounts into the liver, and other principal parts, where it infallibly vitiates the Blood, and confirms a *POX*, that yeelds to no slight cure: and sometimes from an ill managed Cure, is left resident with the Patient an immedicable Gleeing, and many are the mischiefs brought upon the Patient by ill-prepared Mercurial Medicaments, &c.

I thought to have given you the causes of the *POX*, and *Gonorrhæa*, or *Running of the Reins*: but the chief of them being already well enough known to proceed from Venereal embraces, it would be a kinde of lost labour to insert them here. Those who please may (from my self) have Imfallible Medicines and Directions for perfect and speedy cure of these Distempers.

According to promise in my other Books, I am in This to give you some account concerning Worms, which are a Vermin, though but little regarded, yet exceeding troublesome, and very often most pernicious.

Of these creatures are several sorts; but the most usual are shape round and long: these are bred in the Gouts, yet sometimes get into the Stomack. The second sort are short, and very small, like threds; and commonly lie in the Right-gut, and in the end of the Fundament, wherein is almost continual itching; which worms also provoke the Patient very often to Stool. The third sort are long and broad, of an incredible length, but very rarely seen.

Worms are most caused from raw, gross, flegmatick matter; and therefore youth, and such as eat much fruit, are seldom free from them: Also all great Eaters are very subject to them; especially those who eat meats that easily putrifie in the Stomack, and more at once then Nature can well digest; whence follow Crudities, and thence worms; the signes of which are many. Some have unsavoury Belchings, and a stinking breath, wasting of the gums, heaviness, fainting, great thirst, vomiting, cold sweats, and often a Fever; a short Cough, inquiet sleep, intolerable gnawing pain in the stomach and belly, loss of appetite, weakness and consumption of the whole body. Many times, the patient hath an insatiable appetite, caused by flat Worms, which devour the food that is eaten. There are a few signes more of Worms: but these being the most common, and because I would not be too tedious, shall say no more of the rest at present; only thus much I shall adde, that if worms be voided alive, without other excrements, in the beginning of a Disease, 'tis dangerous, and signifies great Crudities; and if voided dead, signifies much putrefaction that has killed them, which probably, shortly after, kills the patient. In short, 'tis the opinion of our age, grounded upon substantial proofs, that worms, and their effects, have conducted more people to their graves, than any one Distemper whatsoever. And therefore you that suspect them in your selves, make much of these Infallible PILLS, as your most speedy help to prevent a Worm-eaten carcase; and take them ere too late; by which doing, you will certainly prolong your days in ease and health, and be obliged to thank your Adviser.

*The Causes, Symptoms, & Effects of Dropfies.*

**T**He Dropfie *Ascites*, is from abundance of water heaped up between the *Peritonæum*, or inner coat of the belly and bowels; which infecting the mouth of the stomach, doth bring great Thirst, and often a Fever. Sometimes it begins in the Feet, and swells upwards to the Legs, Thighs, and Cods: but at the same time the upper parts of the body usually consume. The cause of this *Dropfie* may be from a cold distemper of the Liver, which cannot make perfect blood, but flegm, winde, and water. Sometimes a Dropfie may proceed from a Fever, hot meats, and too plentiful drinking of Wine; whereby the Liver, Spleen, and Kidneys, may lose part of their native heat, and consequently their ability to attract the water, and eject it by the *Ureters*. The same may be caused from the natural *Flux* in women flowing too plentifully, or from retention of the same: And drinking much cold water may diminish and disperse the native heat, and by that means make way for a *Dropfie*. The Dropfie *Tympanites* is from winde shut up in the cavities of the *Abdomen* or belly, and

and sometimes in the cavities of the Gouts. This wind is bred from crude, thick, flegmatick, or Melancholy humours, which by heat having motion, and made thin, become gross windie vapours. This Dropsie is never of Winde alone, but always mixt with water. But the greatest part of this distemper proceeding from winde, it is then always called a *Tympany*.

The Dropsie *Anasarca* without controversie bred from a cold distemper of the Liver, which hinders its Concoction; from whence, instead of good blood, it disperseth flegmatick humours, and causeth the whole body to swell. A Dropsie may be also caused from all tumours or obstructions of the Liver, much bleeding, great evacuation by Stool, Sweat, &c.

*Note*, All Dropsies are dangerous, and hardly cured. Yet the Dropsie *Anasarca*, which is occasioned by Flegme spread over the whole body, is easiest cured of the three; but *Ascites*, and *Tympanites*, with much more difficulty. Notwithstanding, I here promise to the world, that my Pills will perfectly cure the most dangerous Dropsie that man can have; provided the Disease be medicable or curable.

*Note*, That all the Symptoms afore-mentioned are seldom in all that have these Diseases at one and the same time, (except those in Dropsies) but most are; and some have more than these, which should have been here inserted; but brevity being intended, and most suitable in this place, I therefore judge what hath been already said, sufficient to satisfy all reasonable persons in the true knowledge of their Disease, if afflicted with either of these distempers. There remains now something more to be said of those Excellent Pills before named; of which briefly thus.

One whole Box thereof, price but 6 s. is usually enough for perfect cure of either of the aforesaid Diseases, except the Disease be contumacious and inveterate; and then the person doth sometimes take a small quantity more, which most certainly cures either of these Diseases, and without the least danger of future relapse.

These Pills are also of most admirable use for such as have the *POX*, *Gonorrhoea*, or *Running of the Reins*; and for such as formerly have had either of those Diseases, and suspect an ill Cure, or dread a Relapse: And are likewise one of the most sure and speedy medicines that is, or can be, against the *Green sickness*, and for such young women as want their Monthly Visits. They are also excellent against Fits of the Mother, and have a peculiar vertue against Barrenness, if overloosness of the Spermatick Vessels, Foulness of the Womb, thinness of Seed, or the *White Flux* be the cause. They free the body from all lumpish Melancholy humours, and revive and chear drooping spirits even to a wonder; infallibly cure the Jaundies, and are most excellent against heat and sharpness of Urine; most wonderfully expel wind, and help all preternatural sweatings.

I shall adde, that these Pills taken sometimes to prevent Diseases, or more closely followed to cure, as need shall require, are most excellent for all Families, but more especially those who inhabit neer the Seas; for such (much more than others) are liable to Obstructions, Agues, the Scurvy, &c. as I have always observed in my Travels thorowout this Nation, and some other Kingdoms besides. They are also the most precious medicine in the world for Mariners, and such as travel much by Sea, to whom the Scurvy, and many other diseases, are very incident; partly from bad airs, Sea-fogs, sudden heats and colds, much salt, and bad diet; and sometimes excessive drinking of forreign and unfrequented liquors, &c. and they are the more commodious for such to take to Sea with them, because they retain their full vertues many years; and in the time of taking them, none is confined to his house: nor is there any great need of Broth or Posset-drink in their operation, as with other Physick, but every one may walk abroad at pleasure: for indeed they exhilarate the whole body, and make all that take them, more vigorous, and fit for employment, either at home or abroad; and are so gentle, that they are most safely taken by all persons, from three years old, to the greatest age; and at all times of the year, even in the coldest or hottest seasons, and are so congruous to all Constitutions, as gently to wait Nature in all her dictates; as is daily manifested by their sundry and facile operations: for in some they gently move Sweat, in others much Urine, and in others they operate effectually by Stool; and in some again, they work both by Sweat, Urine, and Stool. So that which way soever Nature is inclined to acquit her self, that very way they are ready to assist her. And yet frequently they operate after they begin, by quick Stools, and chiefly upon the peccant matter, which they attract and eject with such ease, as gives (as well as Cure) great delight to all who take them. Many more are the vertues might truly be added to this medicine: but the incredulitie of our Age doth, in part, impede a farther accompt at present. Yet (by perswasion of Friends) I shall adde, That it fortifies the body, and makes it impregnable against the assaults of all Diseases; and is also found, by daily experience, to free the body from all malignant humours, and to resist these Diseases, viz. the violent Headach, Palsie, Falling-sickness, Apoplexie, Lethargie or sleepy Disease, Vertigo, Dizziness, Frenzie, Madnes, Catarrhes or De-fluxions, Asthma or shortness of breath, obstructions of the Liver, Spleen, and Mesentery; Agues, Quotidian, Tertian, or Quartan; foulness, and all distempers of the Womb; all pains and foulness of the Stomack; putrefaction of Humours; Kings-evil, Leprosie, Mange, Scurf, Running pains, Stitches, Cramps, Convulsions, Gout, Sciatica, Cholick, Stone, Loosness, Fluxes, Excoriation of the Intestines, or Gripping in the Guts; Sarfeits, Fever;

*Fevers, Pleuresies, loss of Appetite, Vomiting, Consumptions* : purges all Gross *Tartarous humours* from the body ; frees the whole *Mass of Blood* from all impuritie, and preserves the Body sound and vigorous. And know for certain, that it doth not only prevent these Diseases, but doth also Cure the most of them: And, in a word, (without *Hyperbole*) is one of the most significant and Noble medicines of the world : for its sundry Vertues ; against all Curable Distempers are not to be reckon'd up : which whosoever listeth to credit, and make a thorough Trial of, shall most assuredly never have cause of regret for so doing.

I shall also adde, that these Pills do wonderfully remedy a *Stinking Breath*, if the cause be not in the Teeth ; and are sufficiently known to be the only pertinent medicament under the Sun, against those painful, watery, Flegmatick or Cholerick Vomitings, incident to the Goodfellow, after drinking much, and sitting up late at night. Also the Pills being taken, to the number of three, four or five, as the body is able, the next morning after hard drinking, do certainly prevent *Sunfeits, Fevers, Palsies, Gouts, Dropsies, &c.* which are often the effects of too much Wine, or strong Liquors.

I shall now insert the names and dwellings of some few (of the great number that I might) who have been restored by my Pills, out of the most dangerous Distempers.

*Edward Bell Esq;* living about the middle of *St. Anns-lane*, behinde *Westminster Abbey*, being exceedingly pained and tortured with the Gout in most of his Limbs and Joynts, so that he could not go nor stand for a long time together, was, after taking but three or four Doses of my Pills, able to walk pretty stoutly ; and before he had taken out two Boxes, did judge himself perfectly cured.

*Mr. Tho. Tery*, one of his Majesties Officers belonging to the Excise for *Bewdly, Kidderminster, &c.* having been many years afflicted with most grievous sore and rheumatick Eyes, and having been also troubled with making every day much bloudie Urine for the space of two years, and thereby being brought very weak, had the advice of several able Physicians in order to his cure ; but to no effect, until he took my Pills, wherewith he was perfectly Cured in a very short time.

*Mr. Whitway*, living next the *George* in *Seacoal lane*, was exceedingly troubled with spitting of much corrupt mattery slegm and bloud, and withal, had a most violent Vomiting ; all which continued some moneths, whereby he was brought extremely weak ; and in the opinion of most about him, not likely to live many dayes. This man sent to my house for some of my Pills, by which, as was acknowledged by himself, he received much good, and was in a short time after made perfectly well ; and hath since resolved, not to be without some of my Pills by him, to be ready upon any sudden sickness that might happen.

*Mr. Dove*, now Land-waiter of his Majesties *Custom-House, London*, but lately an Officer at *Proismouth*, where going on board a ship, a Splinter struck into his Leg, and gave him such a wound, as proved a long time incurable, notwithstanding the best means was used by Chirurgeons, &c. and some pounds spent in seeking after help, but found none until he took my Pills, by the use whereof (although he was then ancient and much afflicted with the *Scurvy*) he was made perfectly well, without external or outward application, and hath since so continued, as himself can witness.

*Mr. Richard Hinton*, living near the *Cock*, toward the upper end of *Leather-lane*, being brought into such a low and dangerous condition with griping in the Guts, as there was very little hopes of life, was however by a Friend of his

his advised to my Pills, as the only medicine to be hoped in for his recovery; whereupon he freely took them, and was thereby in a very few dayes perfectly recovered.

Mr. *Barker*, living at Capt. *Stanton's* next *Queen-stairs* near *Ratcliff-Cross*, having a Son that had been a long time indisposed, weak, and thin of body, and his Distemper not rightly known, however gave him some of my Pills, and at the third or fourth time taking, they brought from him several very large Worms, one whereof was as big as a Tobacco-pipe, and above half a yard in length; whereupon the Youth recovered perfect health.

Mr. *Joseph Marshall* of *S. Albans* had a servant, by name *John White*, who was exceedingly afflicted with the Yellow and Black Jaundies, had the Scurvy in a high degree, and an exceeding dangerous Dropsie, insomuch that all that viewed him gave him over for a dead man: but he having heard much of the excellencie of my Pills, was very desirous to make trial of them; which accordingly he did, exactly following the directions in my Book; and was thereby in a very few weeks perfectly recovered. Of this Cure any person may also be informed at the Cock-Inne in *Aldersgate-street*, where the abovenamed Mr. *Marshall* and his servant *John White* are very well known.

Mr. *Joseph Seiden*, Woodmonger on *Mill-banch Westminster*, being exceedingly afflicted with a dangerous Dropsie, insomuch that the print of a finger would have continued in his flesh at least half an hour; and in this Condition (by a sad accident) was thrust into the Body with a Sword, and bled much inwardly: his wounds alone were judged so dangerous, that most gave him over for a dead man; and yet some perswaded him after all, to try what my Pills would do for him: which he willingly assented to; and their effects were indeed most wonderful, for they brought from him all the Coagulated or hardened Blood, which was judged before would very much hasten his death. They caused his Wounds quickly to heal, and perfectly Cured his Dropsie.

The Wife of Mr. *Tarlton* Guilder, living at the *Golden Cross* in *Princes street*, having received a great mischief in her Labour, by mistake or unskilfulness in her *Midwife*, was thereby brought into a very sad languishing condition; for remedy whereof, much means was used, by advice of several Eminent Physitians, but none prevailed until she took my Pills, which within a few weeks perfectly eased her of that burden she should have been quit of on the day of her Labour, which was almost three years before. This Cure, for good reason, is not set down near so fully as it might; yet is very considerable, and note-worthy.

Mrs. *Palmer* a Wine-Coopers Wife in *Crooked lane*, having been above twenty years very much distemper'd with the Scurvy, and for remedy whereof she spared no cost for the best advice, and spent several years (at the seasons) in drinking the waters of *Tunbridge, Epsome, &c.* but all in vain: and then, when no other means could be thought on, she was advised to my Pills; which she willingly took (exactly following the directions of my book given with them) and was thereby perfectly recovered, as her self can testify.

Mrs. *Kidderminster* living near the Market-house in *Shrewsbury*, was desperately diseased with griping in the Guts, the Stone, shortness of breath, the Scurvy, intolerable gnawing pains in her stomach, and many other distempers, whereby she was brought so extreme weak, that her death was expected every hour: and being in this condition, she was told, that if any thing saved her life, it must be my Pills; which she little minded, as judging her self past help, however was perswaded to take four of them, when in all apperance she was even

at the Gates of Death: Those four Pills wrought gently with her, by the way of Vomit twice, and after gave several Stools. When their operation or working was over, she found herself much eased, and the next morning was pretty well able to rise without help, which she could not do in a long time before: And whereas before she was not able to go two yards without being led, she was now ( within a very few days ) by four or five times taking my Pills, able to walk forth, and was perfectly cured, she being at the same time above seventy five years of age.

Mary the wife of *Dennis Barnard* of *Butleigh* in the County of *Somerset*, being above three years troubled with a violent tormenting pain in the left side of her stomach, but more especially after eating or drinking (when it was her constant use to tumble herself on the ground, in hopes of ease thereby) had the advice of many Physicians, and took many medicines they prescribed her; but found no ease at all: and being brought exceeding low, even to the gates of death, almost despairing of life, was informed of the wonderful effects of my Pills; whereupon a Box of them was bought for her, at *Yeovil* in the said County, she took of them as many and as oft as her body was able to bear; and they brought from her by Stool many hundreds of living Worms, of strange shapes; some about an inch in length, some longer, and headed like Eels. At last they brought from her somewhat like a bag; which was judged to be that wherein the Worms had lain. The woman upon this recovered perfect health, look'd fresh and well, and became as able to follow her business as in all her life; she being at the same time fifty years of age.

Mr. *John Johnson*, servant to Mr. *Thomas Forth*, Brewer in *St. Giles's* in the fields, *London*, being so far gone in a most dangerous Dropsie, that he appeared to all that beheld him absolutely past Cure, and not likely to live three days: This man, to the great admiration of all that knew him, was perfectly cured with my Pills. Of this great Cure any may be satisfied at the house of the said Mr. *Forth*, as also by most of the Inhabitants thereabout.

On Munday the 19th of *Fber.* 1671. came to my house Mr. *Higham* of *Barnet* within 5 or 6 miles of *London*, who had been an eminent practitioner in Physic near 30 years, he told me, that many of my pills had been made use of by his advice: and further said, that he had given them to several of his Patients in most Distempers; and I do declare, said he, in the presence of God, that in my lifetime I have not met with any medicine, either in *England*, or my forreign Travels comparable to your Pills, for the cure of Diseases in general.

I could, if convenient, name many ( of great Quality ) who by experience have found my Pills to be the choice Physick of the world; particularly one of the Dukes of the Kingdom, who hath taken my Pills; and in his Letter (which I have now by me) his Grace is pleased, in a very high manner, to approve them, and to let me know they are a very Famous medicine in his Country. I could also insert many others that have had help by them in *London*, and several other the considerable parts of *England*, &c. where they are now to be sold: for, if there be truth in man, I have daily tidings of their most wonderful efficacy in curing such Diseases, as by most are judged incurable. Notwithstanding, for further confirmation, have been perswaded to insert the following Letters.

A Letter from Mr. *Humph. Harris*, Chirurgion and School-Master in  
Sandwich in the Isle of Purbeck.

SIR,

I Have lately bought some of your Pills of Mr. Churchill at Dorchester in the County of Dorset; and having taken of them my self, have found them excellent Pills: my wife also having been a long time troubled with a disease in her head much like a Vertigo, by a few times taking them hath received much ease; they have also eased her stomach, which was very foul, and very much straitned and obstructed, with a continual wheezing and want of breath. I have shared some to my neighbours, who have found much benefit by them, and commend them as the best Physick they ever took. Pray be pleased to send me about Forty or Fifty shillings worth; and let them be delivered to the Pool-Carrier, who will pay your Messenger for them. I have no more, but remain.

Sir,

Sandwich the 2 of  
April, 72.

Your humble servant  
*Humphry Harris.*

A Letter from Mr. *William Woodgate*, Mercer and Grocer at  
Brenchly in Kent.

Much Honored Sir:

THE Providence of God bringing one of your Books to my hand, wherein you discover the Causes, Symptoms, &c. of the Scurvy; with which, and Gravel, a consumptiveness, much oppression by wind, and the Jaundice, I have been some years past exercised: I sent for some of your Pills, and used them according to directions; and through mercy, do finde much benefit by them, praised be to God, who hath directed you in making those Excellent Pills. And Sir, I had quite lost the Sense of Smelling, long before ever I heard of your Pills, which is almost returned, but not fully, and do therefore desire your further Advice in that particular; which please to send by my Carrier John Austin, who Innes at the George in Southwark. Several hereabout, observing the wonderful Cure that your Pills have wrought upon me, have taken many of them with admirable success. The particulars of their effects, with testimonies of the several Cures they have performed in these parts, you may suddenly expect from

Brenchly, the 22 of  
May, 72.

Sir,

Your most humble Servant,  
*Will. Woodgate.*

A Letter from Mr. *John Bingham*, at Belwood in the Parish of Belton  
in the Isle of Axholm, Lincoln-shire.

SIR.

I Make bold to acquaint you of a most wonderful Cure the Lord hath been pleased to work with your Pills: I have a Son about 23 years of age, that hath been very Dropsical, troubled with the Scurvy, and several other Distempers these 5 or 6 years, and of late hath been exceedingly swelled with the Dropsie in his legs, privities and almost all parts of his body; a great dimness fell into his eyes, and withal he had a pain in his head so violent, that he could hardly contain himself within the bounds of patience, and by reason thereof his head was held almost continually; he slept not in 3 or 4 days nor nights: and in this languishing condition fell into a grievous Flux, and had in a very short time at least 30 stools of nothing but blood, so that my self and several others judged he could not live 6 hours, for indeed he appeared as like a dying man as ever we saw any. And in this condition I ventured to give him some of your Pills, and it pleased God that with 2 or 3 doses of them, his stools began to change; and before he had taken out an half box, the violent pain in his head and his Dropsie were much abated,

abated ; and by that time he had taken out a whole box, all his distempers were perfectly cured, to the great admiration of all that either saw or heard of his condition : only his eyes continue weak and dim ; And for recovery thereof, I humbly intreat your advice in a line or two, which I shall take as a very great favour, endeavor to requite, and ever remain

Belwood, Jan. 11.

1674.

Sir

Your most obliged Friend and Servant  
John Bingham.

A Letter from Mr. Nicolas Pierſon, Mayor of Portſmouth,

Worth Sir :

A Servant of mine (by name John Gawler) was moſt extraordinarily afflicted with the Scurvy, and alſo very Dropſical, being through that diſtemper ſo ſwelled, that he was hardly able to liſt his hands to his head ; and withal was very much troubled with ſores in his hands and legs, which did ſo torment him, that indeed he was an Object of Pity. We made uſe of what means could be had here for his Cure, but in vain ; until at laſt your Pills proved ſo effectual, that by his taking leſs then two half Boxes, I praiſe God, he was made in perfect health. I had given you this account ſome months ago ; but doubting he might fall into the ſame diſtemper again, did forbear ; but now I ſee his Cure confirmed, have thought fit to acquaint you thereof Alſo Mr. Fairehill Shoemaker in Portſmouth, being exceedingly perplexed with the Scurvy, and his legs ſo ſwelled that he was hardly able to go out of his houſe, was, as he did himſelf acknowledge, by taking one Box of your Pills, made perfectly well : And further, I'll aſſure you Sir, I have heard many others moſt bigly commend them, but at preſent have not time to give a more particular account ; and therefore ſhall add no more, but that you will grant a line to

Sir

Portſmouth, Oct. 17.

1672.

Yours in all love  
Nicholas Pierſon.

A Letter from Mr. William Higgins of Pembridge near Leominſter,  
in the County of Hereford.

SIR.

I Hold my ſelf obliged to give you an account of the great benefit I have received by the worth and excellency of your Pills. My diſtemper has been an inveterate Cough, with an extraordinary ſtrainiſſ of my breſt, and ſhortneſſ of breath much oppreſſed with flegm and melancholy, with violent ſtitches and pains, ſo that for ſome years paſt I have been viſited ſo ſharply, and brought ſo low with the violence of an inceſſant Cough, ſpitting up corrupt matter and flegm with frequent, long, and faint ſweatings that all this ever ſee me in that condition, judged it to be the laſt ſttings of a Conſumption, and that each fit would have paſt me to the grave. And in this condition, your Pills were propoſed (by ſome that had experienced them) as the moſt likely Medicine for my relief ; whereupon I ſent to Leominſter for ſome of them, which I took as your book directed ; and finding immediate eaſe and comfort, I continued (as ſtrength would permit) until I had emptied ſeveral half boxes, with admirale ſucceſſ, and am now, I praiſe God, hearty, ſtrong and well, having eſcaped this laſt Spring, the uſual time of relapſing into my old diſtemper. This Gentleman the bearer hereof can give you a more ample relation than I dare permit my pen to do, unleſs I ſhould tranſgreſs in exceeding the bounds of a Letter : but this I muſt aſſure you that the whole Number of my acquaintance looks upon my recovery with no ſmall wonder ; and Sir, for my own part, I ſhall ever extoll the virtues of your excellent Pills above all Medicines, for their quick, eaſie, and moſt effectual operation upon the peccant humours ; and this not only by my own experience,

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but by observation of their effects upon several of my friends and acquaintance, of which (if requisite) I could give some instances: but let this beg your candid acceptance, and suffice to assure you that I own my life saved by your Pills; and am,  
 Pembroke  
 vi. Junii, 1673.  
 Sir,  
 Your humble Servant,  
 William Higgins.

*The manner of taking my PILLS, is thus.*

I. **P**ERSONS of a middle strength are to begin with taking two or three Pills at Bed-time, three hours after a very light Supper (but no Supper is better.) If two or three be not sufficient, adde one every night, until you take five, six or seven at once, or that you have the Dose that best agrees with your body: take them two or three nights one after another, (or as strength will allow) then forbear them a night, (or two nights, if the Patient be not strong) then take them, as before, &c.

II. Those whose Bodies are weak, or that a little Physick will work with, may begin with two Pills, taken after their first sleep, or very early in the morning fasting, and lye in bed an hour, or 2 or 3 hours after them, if conveniently they can, and if they sleep upon them, it will be the better.

III. *Note*, If the Pills work much in the night, it will afterwards be best to take them very early in the morning, and to lye in bed as before directed; or two, or three, more or less, may be taken at night, and as many in the morning. Women with-childe, and those that give Suck, should begin with taking but one or two Pills; and afterwards may take more, as they finde them convenient.

IV. To Children about three or four years old, give half or three quarters of a Pill; to Elder Children, give a Pill, two or three, according to their age and strength.

V. If the patient be thirsty in time of the Pills operation or working, he may drink a draught or two of such Liquor as he best likes, except in Dropsies, in which 'tis much better to drink the liquor made as followeth (if conveniently to be had.)

*Take of the tops of Green-Broom six handful, of Fumitory as much; Scurvy-grass, Wormwood, of each three handful, all cut; Bark of Elder ten ounces Juniper-Berries bruised twelve ounces, Anniseeds bruised six ounces, Horse-Radish-Roots three ounces, Liquorish four ounces; Slice the Roots, put all into a bin Linnen or Hair Bag, and put them into five Gallons of strong Ale: when it hath almost done Working, within a day or two after, the Patient should begin to drinke thereof three draughts in a day; but if he drink no other Liquor, it will be the better: and let him sometimes eat a little Candied or Green Ginger; and still remember, besides the drinke to take my Pills as before appointed. These directions observed, is an Infallible Remedy against any curable Dropsie, as hath been very often proved. And note, this Drink, with my Pills, is of excellent use for such as finde themselves very far gone with the Scurvy.*

VI. Such as care not to swallow Pills alone, may take them in a little of the pap of an Apple Stew'd prunes, 3 or, 4 Spoonfuls of Beer, Ale or Wine, or they may be bruised or cut small (which indeed is the best way if they be very hard) and taken with Honey, Sugar, the pap of an Apple, Beer, Ale or Wine, &c.

VII. Against the Pox, Gonorrhoea, or Running of the Reins, let the Pills be taken in the largest dose, so long as occasion shall require: and if in the Pox there be many Warts, breakings out, Scabs or Ulcers, that very much molest the

the patient, let him have but a little patience, and by the use of my pills, they will all infallibly vanish: but if the patient be in extraordinary haste to have such Scabs, Crust or Ulcers disappear, then let him continue my pills as above-directed, and to his sores, apply this medicine following.

Take Unguentum Basilicum *half an ounce*, Red precipitate *twenty granes*, Mercurius Dulcis, *in most fine Powder*, one dram; mix all well together, and apply some of it upon Lint, every day fresh, to your sores, &c.

VIII. Note, My pills sometimes give an easie Vomit or two; that is, when the dose is large, the stomach foul, or nature much inclined that way: which still proves very well for the patient; for they always carry forth such Choleric, Flegmatick, and other noxious Excrements, as Nature could not evacuate any other way, and by that means often compleat the Cure. And if in their working the patient chance to be much Stomach-sick (which seldom happens) then let him drink a glass of Sack, or burnt White-wine; or if Wine be too costly, a draught of strong Ale warmed, either of which usually gives speedy ease.

IX. I advise all, in the time of taking my pills, from old Cheese, and meats very salt and windy,

X. Note, That in any sudden sickness or infection, (against which they are excellently good) with all speed that may be, the patient should take a full dose of my pills, viz. 4, 5, or 6, according to Age and strength, and the next day take the medicine following.

Take mithridate one dram and half, (or two drams) Salt of Wormwood one scruple, Diaphoretick Antimony sixteen grains, Spirit of Sulphur fifteen drops, Carduus-Water four ounces: mix them. An Apothecary can make up the medicine for you, or it may be had faithfully made up at my own house. Take it in bed in the morning fasting: be covered warm, and sweat as strength will allow.

This potion is for a person of middle strength. When you come out of your Sweat, be careful that you catch no Cold. A day or two after, you may take another dose of my Pills: but if the disease be no Infection, and seem not to be extraordinary dangerous, the Cordial Sweating medicine need not be taken, for my Pills alone will compleat the Cure, (in which you may confide against most Diseases curable by Physick.) But here, by the way, you should consider, that when Nature is so oppressed by an inveterate disease, as that some of the internal principal parts are ulcerated and perished, (which often happens) that then 'tis impossible to make new ones instead of those consumed: In all such cases we have just cause to judge the Patient immedicable, or incurable: Also we know, it is appointed for man once to die, Heb. 9. 27. and when that time is come, 'tis not the best Physick in the world shall protract it one minute; in such cases my Pills can do no good: and therefore every one ought to consider what hath been said, and to expect accordingly; and remember, that a small matter will resist a disease in its beginning, but when once radicated or rooted, it is with much difficulty cured: and therefore to oppugn or resist a disease in its Minority, is no small point of wisdom.

XI. Note, The Cordial Sweating potion above prescribed, is also of admirable use for such as have the Pox, to be taken once or twice in a week; also against pains of the Body, Limbs or Joynts; the Gout, Schruy, Dropsie, &c. but the Patient should continue taking my Pills, save on the Sweating daies, as above-directed.

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But because of Dangers, and extraordinary Charge of Freight by Sea, and great Cost of Returns from many parts out of *England*, the half Box of Pills in *Ireland* is sold for Three shillings six pence, and the whole box for Seven shillings, and not under.

They are sealed up in *Tin-boxes*, with my own Seal at Arms, being *A Lion passant guardant*; and are also to be sold by

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